GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:246
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TRANSFER OF SALT PAN LAND
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a meeting of Committee of Secretaries in 1985 a decision was taken to transfer the salt Pan Land, Mumbai to his Ministry from the Industry Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken possession of this land;

(d) if so, the purpose for which the land has been used and the earnings therefrom;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the said land has been encroached by the slum dwellers;
(g) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to get the land free from the encroachers and develop the same; and
(h) the time by which the transfer decision is likely to be implemented by his Ministry?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Committee of Secretaries in its meeting held on 24th December,1985 decided that the lands having become unsuitable for salt manufacture should be transferred to the Ministry of Urban Development for being allotted to different Ministries/Departments. Accordingly, Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development issued orders dated 9th January,1986, 30.12.1987 and 22.2.1990, transferring 5378 acres (approximately) of lands in Greater Bombay, on `as is where is` basis with all the assets and liabilities, to the Ministry of Urban Development, for use as considered appropriate.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. Appropriate strategies to take over these lands are in the advanced stage of finalisation.

(e)to(h): Yes, Sir. An area of about 60 to 80 acres has been encroached upon by slum dwellers. The Salt Department has been taking measures from time to time for removal of encroachments. The issue relating to taking over and development of salt pan lands is under process and all out efforts are being made to take over the lands at the earliest.